REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are numbered 1-21. The rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated February 20, 2004 have been carefully considered by the Applicants. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and allow the remaining claims.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The present Office Action rejected Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by McLain (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,758 B1). Applicants have reviewed the above cited reference and respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claims 1-21, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the McLain reference.

Independent Claims 1, 8, and 15

Applicants respectfully point out that independent Claim 1, 8, and 15 each recite that the present invention includes, in part:

> [A] method for dynamically managing content provided to a mobile device, said method comprising the steps of:
>   a) retrieving information from a network;
>   b) dynamically assessing said information;
>   c) selectively filtering said information such that desired information is compiled; and

> d) forwarding said desired information <u>through</u>
> <u>said network</u> to said mobile device. (Emphasis
> Added)

The present invention pertains to the dynamic management of network content for a mobile device. In particular, independent Claims 1, 13, and 19 recite that information retrieved from a content provider through a network (e.g., Internet) is selectively filtered to fit the format and capabilities required by a mobile device. Moreover, the information that is retrieved and filtered is forwarded to the mobile device through the network (e.g., from a proxy server that retrieves and filters the information to a mobile device).

Applicants respectfully note that the prior art reference, McLain, does not comprise nor suggest the present invention that comprises the forwarding of retrieved and filtered network information (e.g., network content) to a mobile device over the same network, as claimed in independent Claims 1, 8, and 15 of the present invention.

In contrast to independent Claims 1, 8, and 15 of the present invention, the McLain reference, discloses a method and system for transferring offline browsing content information of a wide area network from a host computer to a mobile device. The McLain reference discloses that the host computer is a desktop computer that helps the mobile device

access network content. Specifically, the McLain reference
discloses that the host computer is communicatively coupled
with the mobile device without communicating through the
network that provides the information content. For instance,
in Figure 1 of the McLain reference, the mobile device 18 is
directly coupled to a desktop computer 16 before entering the
Internet 14 to retrieve content from a content provider 12.
(See col.2, lines 64-67 of the McLain reference).
Additionally, the desktop computer 16 can be implemented over
a localized communication network that is separate from the
network (E.g., Internet 14) that provides the content from
the content provider 12.

The present invention, on the other hand, claims the
dynamic management of network content wherein information
(e.g., network content) is retrieved from a content provider
through a network (e.g., Internet), selectively filtered to
be compatible with a mobile device, and then forwarded to the
mobile device over the same network from which the
information is retrieved. A notable distinction between the
present invention and the McLain reference is that the McLain
reference discloses a desktop computer directly coupled to
the mobile device, or the desktop computer coupled to the
mobile device through a localized network (e.g., LAN or WAN)
that is separate from the network that provides the
information content, whereas the present invention retrieves,
filters, and forwards content all through the same network.

For instance, embodiments of the present invention envision a proxy server accessed by the mobile device through the network (e.g., Internet) that retrieves the information from the content provider, filters the information, and then forwards the filtered information through the network to the mobile device, as claimed in independent Claims 1, 8, and 15.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as disclosed in independent Claim 1 is not anticipated by the McLain reference, and is in a condition for allowance. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-7 which depend from independent Claim 1 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as disclosed in independent Claim 8 is not anticipated by the McLain reference, and is in a condition for allowance. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 9-14 which depend from independent Claim 8 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as disclosed in independent Claim 15 is not anticipated by the McLain reference, and is in a condition for allowance. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit

that Claims 16-21 which depend from independent Claim 15 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.
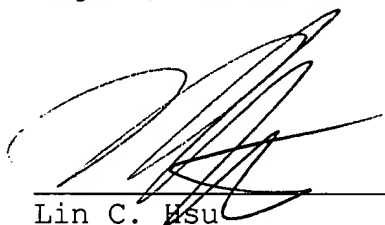
CONCLUSION

In light of the facts and arguments presented herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected Claims.

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-21 overcome the rejections of record. Therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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